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The Concordia Shuffle



September 28, 1990 was a warm, sunny, glorious day, all the more appreciated after weeks of cold and wet. As lunchtime approached a mob of people (and several dogs) in white T-shirts collected in the bright sunlight on the pavement beside the Hall Building. At high noon the signal was given. The human (and canine) mass shuffled onto Mackay, then struck out westward along Boulevard de Maisonneuve, headed for the greener pastures of Loyola Campus. Enthusiasm was high, the route pleasant, and most of the Shufflers completed the appointed distance in less than the time expected by the

organizers. As the ravenous crowd awaited the arrival of the promised food, organizers started drawing names for "door prizes." There were dozens of prizes, and the draw continued through lunch. It was about three p.m. when the party broke up.

A considerable number of Library people participated in the Shuffle, with some Library staff among the first arrivals at Loyola. Louise Carpentier (a Shuffler) and Robert Wrightson (a sponsor) were prizewinners.

Shufflers had collected pledges of over \$19 000, to be used for scholarships and fellowships. Thanks are due to pledgers and to various corporate sponsors who donated T-shirts, food and prizes. Congratulations to the organizers, the Faculty/Staff Appeal of the Annual Giving, and all participants!

Pat Grant

Just a reminder! FOR THE NEXT ISSUE

Contributions are always welcome. Deadline for publishing in the next issue is **November 22nd**. Just leave your signed articles or suggestions for newsworthy items with any member of the ed. board. Nicest for us, but not essential, would be your idea or story on a diskette in WordPerfect 4.2, accompanied by a hard copy. Just be sure your name is on it, and we'll return the diskette to you. Thanks!

NEWS FROM SEL

Liz Winiarz is off to Washington on October 24-26 to attend a meeting of the committee organizing the 1992 Special Libraries Association San Francisco Conference. Liz is one of the five-member committee responsible for selecting the theme of the conference, obtaining keynote speakers, and developing the program.

The familiar cries of "Where's Peter?" are no longer heard at SEL since Peter Randall has departed for the green fields of Loyola campus and a position as music technician with the Music Department at Loyola. Peter's sure to keep everything there up-beat. His job as Overdues Assistant at SEL has now been taken over by Robert Black, who joined us on October 19th.

Terry Quigley has joined the Reference Unit and brings lots of experience from his earlier posts. Terry worked at Concordia during the stimulating seventies, left us for a time, and since returning has worked in Serials, Acquisitions and in Norris Reference Unit.

Our newest SEL-mate is Pamela Davies, who takes on a replacement position as a shelver (and is very welcome indeed!). Pamela has one course left to complete before graduating from the John Abbott Documentation and Library Systems program.

The Circulation people are becoming somewhat battered of spirit due to the continual ups and downs (mostly DOWNS) of the computer system. As the book trucks fill up with books that can't be discharged, the shelves get leaner, and our students

find slim pickings in the heavily used sections. When the photocopiers (one or both) also bear those familiar "out of order" signs it's not always a happy job facing students across the circulation desk. But we try to keep our good humour and hope that smiles will be contagious.

The most-heard question at the Reference Desk has changed from "My teacher put this stuff on reserve...." to "Where can I find the mid-term exams for Course XX?" But we have plenty of more challenging inquiries, too, ... a story for another day, perhaps.

WHO'S WHERE

This list, drawn up with the cooperation of ASO, covers the staff establishment as of October 15, 1990.

Acquisitions

Barbara Howie began on October 10, 1990 to act as Clerk, Receiving, replacing Joanne Dolan, who is unfortunately on long-term sick leave.

As of October 11, 1990, Lorri-Ann Bailey is acting as Targetter, replacing Terry Quigley.

Doreen Rennert has rejoined the Department and will be working in Receiving for six months.

Administration

ASO is back on the 7th floor. Dr. Vagianos, Donna Reid, and Natalie Kaloust are in room 703; Irene Sendek is in 704; Oma Mohamed, Sandra Boyce, and Paola Cicciu are in 707. Their telephone numbers are unchanged.

Kathleen Waterhouse is unfortunately on long-term sick leave.

Cataloguing

Boi May Ang became Data Input Operator on October 3, 1990. She takes over from David Gobby, who has resigned.

Government Publications

Janet Dennis is acting as Clerk, replacing Karen Yuzwenko. She began on September 17, 1990.

Non-Print

On September 24, 1990, Terry Emrick replaced Pat Winston as Clerk-Typist.

Science and Engineering Library

Debra Palmer began to act as Circulation Clerk on September 24, 1990, replacing Ciaran Hopkins.

As of October 2, 1990, Terry Quigley is acting as Reference Clerk, replacing Linda Toy.

Vanier Library

On August 6, 1990, Judy Appleby was appointed Head, Loyola Campus Libraries. She had been acting in that capacity since September 1, 1987.

Henie Krishtalka was appointed Reference Librarian on October 15, 1990. She replaces Sonia Poulin.

Vladimir Hakien became Overdues assistant on October 1, 1990.

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

Congratulations to Jan Strudwick, whose name appeared on the Dean's Honours List, published in the Thursday Report of September 13, 1990.

Getting to know your SEL-MATES

As promised in the first issue of BiblioNEWS we will be focusing on the people and personalities of our library as part of a getting-to-know-one-another campaign.

With the recent arrival of the thesis that earned Deborah Herman a Master's degree in Art Therapy, it seemed most appropriate to introduce Debbie to the rest of you.

Although Debbie started working at SEL in 1985, she first became acquainted with Concordia in 1978 as an undergraduate in the Fine Arts programme from which she graduated with a B.F.A. degree in 1981. Debbie continued her studies to successfully complete the art therapy programme in 1983, and then to graduate with a Master's degree in Art Therapy in 1989.

It was an exciting moment for Debbie to see her nicely-bound thesis arrive for the SEL collection. She tells us that during her research, serendipity in the stacks often came to her rescue as she came upon many books that helped answer some of the problem areas she had encountered. Productive shelving in action!

At present Debbie is replacing Brenda Fewster who is on a temporary assignment at Interlibrary Loans until November 1990. Debbie prefers working part-time in the library, but periodically does accept full-time temporary positions that become available in the department.



In addition to working at SEL, Debbie is in the process of establishing her art therapy practice at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital where she is presently on staff. She is also preparing for her second art exhibit which will take place some time next May or June.

Strutting our Stuff: the Library Shows What It Can Do

The "Promotion of Library Services to the Academic Community" was the name of the project; the result was a booth where, on September 18 in the mezzanine of the Hall Building, the Library got a chance to show students what it has to offer. Posters and handouts - some created especially for the event - drew attention to the Library's services. Videos showed off the resources of the Media Centres. A draw for five free debit cards to be used for CD-ROM searches drew so many hopeful gamblers that the ballot boxes were stuffed full by the end of the day. Unquestionably though, the greatest attraction was the demonstration of ERIC and PSYCHLIT on CD-ROM. Fascinated viewers saw new possibilities of information retrieval opened up to them.

A working group chaired by Diana Maharaj planned the promotion. Group members were Vicki Lacroix, Matt Seebruch, Liz Winiarz, Irene Puchalski and Leyden Pukteris. Peter Page and Larry McGoldrick set up the CD-ROM equipment. The organizers were delighted with the response to a call for volunteers to staff the booth; there were enough people to have two or more staffers all through the day from nine o'clock until six. The volunteers were:

Vicki Lacroix, Van Media Centre
Irene Puchalski, Cataloguing
Matt Seebruch, Orientation
Jan Strudwick, Cataloguing
Juanita Smith, Cataloguing
Dorothy Cameron, Nor Reference
Gail Flicker, Cataloguing
Margaret Sheremata, Van Media Centre
Cynthia George, Cataloguing
Martine Langevin, Nor Gov't Publications
Ruth Noble, SEL Reference
Liz Winiarz, SEL Reference
Dorothy Ogonovsky, Cataloguing
Carol Coughlin, SEL Reference
Elaine Bruce, Nor Reference
Ermine Campbell, Cataloguing
Ciaran Hopkins, Nor Gov't Publications
Margaret Ferley, Cataloguing
Loren Lerner, Nor Media Centre
Luigina Vilenko, Van Reference
Boi May Ang, Cataloguing
Ken Stevens, Van Media Centre
Syed Hussain, Van Media Centre

In the cold light of evaluation, the event was judged to be a success and may be repeated next year.

Diana Maharaj and Margaret Ferley



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